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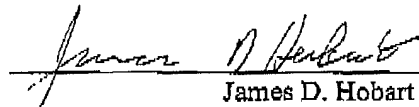
Claims 1-3, 8, 10-20, 24 and 25 are presented for reconsideration.

In the **Final Rejection**, claims 1-3, 8, 10-20, 24 and 25 were allowed and claims 21-23 were rejected on the combination of Olson in view of Rigney in view of Flöge et al.

Applicants' attorneys wish to thank the Examiner for answering questions raised during a telephone conference on July 8, 2003. It is noted that no agreements were reached during that conference.

By this amendment, rejected claims 21-23 have been cancelled, so that the only remaining claims in the application are allowed claims 1-3, 8, 10-20, 24 and 25. In view of the fact that the only claims now pending in the application have been allowed by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for immediate formal allowance and further reconsideration to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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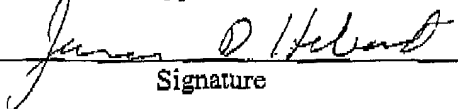
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